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Will there be any information by management acknowledging the reports of two regional offices closing? Specifically, I am interested in the following information:

- 1) What projections/studies have already been done regarding efficiencies in regional placements?
- 2) Where does Chicago R5 fall on that spectrum of options?
- 3) Does this OMB request require congressional concurrence, or can the administration order these closures (of 2 Regional offices) unilaterally?
- 4) Would positions in the closed offices be moved, or eliminated?

<https://insideepa.com/daily-news/omb-requires-epa-develop-plan-eliminating-two-regional-offices>

<https://www.coloradostatesman.com/denver-region-8-epa-consolidation-trump-pruitt/>

<http://gazette.com/denver-epa-office-could-be-at-risk-in-trumps-plan-for-cuts/article/1598305>

I understand there are many unknowns remaining, but the lack of any acknowledgement of staff reading and speculating on these reports (that have been out since Tuesday) is damaging to our work. The silence is worse than a simple acknowledgement note.

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